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Arizona Revised Statutes §8-817(B)(8) requires the county attorney for each county to prepare an annual report that contains certain information related to the investigation and prosecution of Criminal Conduct Allegations as defined in ARS §8-802(8).

In September 2019, the Coconino County Attorney's Office implemented a new case management system, Prosecutor by Karpel (PbK). The system was designed to help us capture the required data by compiling a list of all referrals received for a specified date range containing the following statutes: A.R.S. §13-1102, 13-1103, 13-1104, 13-1105, 13-1303, 13-1304, 13-1404, 13-1405, 13-1406, 13-1410, 13-1417, 13-3212, 13-3552, 13-3553, 13-3554, 13-3601, 13-3623. Each case was reviewed for the presence of a minor victim and the relation of the victim to the defendant. Only cases where a *criminal conduct allegation* existed were captured for the final data set. Furthermore, all charging requests for qualifying cases were reviewed to determine if a joint investigation took place. Since this is our first year capturing data with this new system, it is possible there may be some over reporting or underreporting. But the report tendered below represents our best efforts to provide the required data. We will continue to work toward refining the results gleaned from the new system to ensure our reporting is as complete and accurate as possible.

Note: The reporting requirement seeks information about the number of criminal conduct allegations investigated. Unlike other County Attorney Offices throughout the state, the Coconino County Attorney's Office employs no investigators and relies solely on outside law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to initiate and conduct criminal investigations. As a result, the number of criminal conduct allegations investigated by the Office is zero. The figures below as to investigations reflect the number of charging requests received where the investigating LEA identified the charges sought as criminal conduct allegations under ARS 8-201 and provided information about whether a joint investigation with DCS was conducted.



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Annual Report on Child Abuse FY2020

Pursuant to A.R.S. §8-817(B)(8) CCAO submits the following information for the reporting period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Investigations:		
8-817B(8) (a)	# of CCA investigated by CCAO	0
8-817B(8) (a)	# of CCA jointly investigated by LEAs with DCS pursuant to the protocol	31
8-817B(8) (c)	Reason why a joint investigation did not take place: unknown	
Cases:		
8-817B(8) (b)	# of CCA cases presented for review by LEAs in FY20	74
8-817B(8) (b)	# of persons charged in CCA cases presented for review in FY20	59
8-817B(8) (b)	# of CCA cases presented for review in FY20 where charges were not pursued in FY 20	13
	Reasons why charges were not pursued:	
	Insufficient Legal Evidence	5
	No Reasonable Likelihood of Conviction at Trial	4
	Prosecutorial Discretion	1
	Returned to LEA for further investigation	3
	# of CCA cases charged in FY20 convicted in FY20	22
	# of CCA cases charged in FY 20 dismissed in FY20	2
	# of CCA cases charged in FY 20 pending outcome in criminal proceedings at close of FY20	35